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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventor Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/673,785
<i>Filing Date</i>	12/29/2000
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1653
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Chih Min Kam
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	8830-170

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

 - Previously submitted
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed _____
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - Other _____
 - Enclosed
 - Amendment/Reply
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

 - Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - Other _____

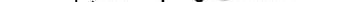
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

 - RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - Applicant is a small entity.
 - Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) for one month - Applicant is a small entity.
 - Other _____
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